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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS

SUBJ: ICCS BUDGET

REFS: A. SAIGON 11344; B. SAIGON 11230; C. SAIGON 2611

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS MATTER OF NAVY BILL WITH
DAO SAIGON, WITHOUT INDICATING AT THIS TIME OUR VIEW
REGARDING EXCEPTIONAL NATURE OF CHARGES WHICH SHOULD BE
SUBJECT TO ICCS REIMBURSEMENT. PLEASE CABLE SUMMARY
ANALYSIS OF ALL NAVY CHARGES INCLUDED IN BILL AND ATTEMPT
TO DETERMINE IF DAO HAS RECORD OF ANY ADDITIONAL
MILITARY SERVICE EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF ICCS FOR WHICH
REIMBURSEMENT MIGHT BE SOUGHT.

2. WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION WITH ICCS
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FINANCE SECTION UNTIL THERE IS AGREEMENT WITHIN USG ON TOTAL AMOUNT WE ARE DISCUSSING AND FOR WHAT PART, IF ANY, REIMBURSEMENT IS TO BE SOUGHT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION (REF C PARA 3) THAT PA AND E WAS TO PROVIDE FORMAL ACCOUNTING FOR ALL SERVICES AND COMMODITIES PROVIDED TO ICCS BY US AGENCIES.

IF SUCH NOT THE CASE, CAN EMBASSY ENDEAVOR TO PULL TOGETHER, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, A TOTAL ACCOUNTING OF WHAT USG HAS FURNISHED TO ICCS, DISTINGUISHING WHICH AMOUNTS US SERVICES HAVE ABSORBED ALREADY AND WHICH AMOUNTS US SERVICES MAY BE PREPARING TO BILL ICCS.

4. WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 REF B, YOU SHOULD INFORMALLY TELL GAUVIN (AND ICCS SECRETARIAT ALSO IF YOU DEEM IT DESIRABLE) THAT WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 74 US CONTRIBUTION TO ICCS AND THAT WE ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER USG PAYMENT PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. IF ICCS IS RUNNING SHORT ON FUNDS, OBVIOUS SHORT- TERM SOLUTION IS TO SEEK PAYMENT FROM COMMUNIST PARTIES NOW IN ARREARS ON SECOND REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION. ROGERS

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